

# REGULAR MEETING

## May 12, 2014

A Regular Meeting of the Eldorado City Council was held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at the City Hall with all Council Members present. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. Also present were Staff Members Juanita Gomez, Floyd Fay, Melissa Truelove, and Theo Melancon. Also present was Randy Mankin of the Eldorado Success June Keever, Larry Piner and Brenda Breece.

### COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:

6:04 PM

A special meeting was requested to further discuss salary and review for the City Secretary. Larry Piner met with the council to request a review on the current animal control ordinance in regards to owning and maintaining chickens within the city limits. No action was taken.

Brenda Breece met with council in regards to excessive watering at First National Bank of Eldorado. Breece was advised that Bank President Hymn Sauer had been notified of the concern and would be taking measures to repair a broken sprinkler that was causing the problem.

### CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE:

6:15 PM

June Keever at 508 S. Cottonwood St. (Block 84, OT) met with council to request a zoning variance in regards to mobile homes. A motion was made by Jesse Rubio and seconded by Richard Mendez to grant a variance allowing Ms. Keever to place a 1990 model or better mobile home on her property and use as her residence. The motion carried.

Jennifer Rojas at 207 Robertson Ave. (Block 4L, Lot 7 Christian Addition) met with council via phone conference. A motion was made by Dorothy Dacy and seconded by Vanessa Covarrubiaz to allow a 45 day extension of time to clean up the property and fully contain the shelter that is currently being covered by tattered tarps. If the property is not cleaned at the allotted time, the City will clean the property and invoice Ms. Rojas. The motion carried.

No citizen was present for the discussion of property at 404 San Antonio St. (Block 4N, Lot 11 Christian Addition). A motion was made by Jesse Rubio and seconded by Danny Halbert to continue with the abatement of the property and to invoice the property owner for the expenses. The motion carried.

### UTILITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

6:36 PM

Mr. Fay reported that the YTD water usage was reported as being down 23%, however it is up 37% from last month. The current water level is at 322.5 feet. Floyd stated that we have dropped 8 feet in 3 months. Floyd reported that we are currently working on our renewal of a WW Permit. The permit is for discharge. There has been a delay in receiving the renewal permit because of some difficulties with Talem, Inc. Mr. Fay reported that the gas system is running fine. The foundation for the landfill's new building has been completed. Also, the trench has been dug for the septic and plumbing should begin soon. Floyd reported that in a recent test of the City's mass media system there was an 81% success rate.

### CITY ADMINISTRATOR/SECRETARY REPORT:

6:48 PM

Melissa Truelove provided the April 2014 tax distribution report to the council for review. The Council reviewed the February financial reports. Mr. Melancon reported that gas projections are currently \$110,648 above projection because of the harsh winter. Utility water sales are \$105,339 below projection because of the City being in Stage 2 drought conservation. Landfill sales are \$33,000 below projection because of unforeseen landfill closures. It was reported that utility salaries are below projection of the recent interest in employees working for the City. Gas purchases were reported at being above projection by an estimated \$24,000. Legal and professional dues/fees are above projection because of the permitting renewals needed every 5 years. Current utility excess revenues were reported at \$93,000. Total property taxes were reported as being above projection. General fund revenues are reported at being \$91,435.85 above projection because of the current property tax payments and the City is waiting on reimbursement from the CVCOG for the purchase of a chipper. Current general excess revenues were reported as \$89,000. Postage is above projection because of the large amount of Code Enforcement being done. Mr. Melancon informed the council that as of date the City has cleaned 15 lots and that there are currently 125 lots in varies code compliance. Mr. Melancon is working with Floyd Fay and George Estrada on obtaining boots to aid our landfill employees. The new boots will not allow penetration of nails into the employee's feet. Melancon also informed the council that the City is working with SCISD Graphic Class for a logo and website banner design.

### COUNCIL DISCUSSION/ACTION:

7:07 PM

A motion was made by Vanessa Covarrubiaz and seconded by Richard Mendez to approve the City Marshal Ordinance. The motion carried. A motion was made by Danny Halbert and seconded by Jesse Rubio to approve the Utility Rates Ordinance for landfill and outside the city rates and fees. The motion carried.

### OLD BUSINESS:

7:32 PM

Minutes of the April 7, 2014 Regular Meeting was reviewed, and a motion was made by Vanessa Covarrubiaz and seconded by Danny Halbert to approve the minutes. The motion carried. Minutes of the April 17, 2014 Special Meeting was reviewed, and a motion was made by Jesse Rubio and seconded by Richard Mendez to approve the minutes. The motion carried. Current bills were reviewed, and motion was made by Richard Mendez and seconded by Danny Halbert to pay the bills. The motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

7:37 PM

A review of the current water flat rate policy was discussed. It was determined that an interlocal agreement needs to be drawn up for each organization and must be based on needs. This will be discussed further at the next scheduled meeting. Retro pay for Jennifer Doran was denied by the council. Mrs. Doran is a member of the EMS and has been living in the city limits since August of 2013. However, a roster was not provided to the city until March 2014. In a discussion regarding TCEQ and the Colonia, concerns for water system contamination due to lack of approved septic tanks and lines were brought up. The discussion was tabled for future meetings.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

*Melissa Truelove*

Melissa Truelove, City Secretary

Date: 6-9-14

APPROVED:

*John Nikolauk*  
John Nikolauk, Mayor